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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

MAIL STOP - PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a Continuing Prosecution patent application

Of: Kazuo Hokkirigawa et al.

For: UNDERWATER SLEEVE BEARING AND APPLICATION THEREOF

ENCLOSED are the following:

1. ☒ Specification, abstract and claims (18 pages)
2. ☒ 2 sheets of ☐ formal ☒ informal drawings (Figs. 1-4)
Suggested Figure for Publication:
3. ☒ Declaration
☐ signed ☒ unsigned
☐ Copy from a prior application (for continuation/divisional)
4. ☒ Application Data Sheet
5. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
6. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449
7. ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation sheet (*Fee calculated separately*)
8. ☒ The prior application is assigned to: Minebea Co., Ltd.

The assignment was recorded on at reel and frame .

☐ A copy of the assignment from the prior application is enclosed.

9. ☐ Non-Publication Request

10. ☐ Other:

NOTE the following:

11. ☐ This application is made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (b) and is a
☐ Continuation ☒ Continuation-In-Part ☐ Divisional

of Prior Application Serial No. 10/376,419, filed February 28, 2003.

12. ☐ An Extension of time is filed concurrently herewith for the parent application.
13. Small Entity Status:
- ☐ Applicant is a small entity
- ☐ Small entity status claimed in the parent application is no longer proper
14. ☒ Applicants claim priority from the following application(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 119:
15. ☐ Applicants claim priority from the following application(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 120:
- | <u>Serial Number</u> | <u>Country</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> | <u>Certified Copy Encl.</u> |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2003-052432 | Japan | Feb. 28, 2003 | Yes |
16. ☐ Cancel claims _____ prior to calculation of the filing fee.

FILING FEE: calculated below (after accounting for any preliminary amendment or claims cancellations if noted above):

Basic Filing Fee			\$770.00
Total No. Claims 14	Extra Claims(Total-20) 0	Fee / claim \$18.00	0.00
Total No. Independent Claims 1	Extra Independ.(No.-3)	Fee / claim \$86.00	0
Multiple dependent claim? + \$290			
Sub-Total			\$
Small Entity? less 50%			
TOTAL FEE DUE			\$770.00

17. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 770.00 is enclosed (must at least cover the basic fee).
- ☐ The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$.00 in connection with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0675.

In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted in the pending prior application, and in the event that a separate petition for the pending prior application is not filed on even date, applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R.1.136(a) for an extension of time in the pending prior application of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due in connection with such a petition to Deposit Account No. 50-0675.

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Respectfully submitted,

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